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SUBJECT: GOVERNORS' VISIT

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SUMMARY. GOVERNORSLIAISON STAFF MOST RELUCTANT TO UNDERTAKE TO CHANGE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE, DESPITE COMPETITION FROM HIGH-LEVEL CHASE MANHATTAN GROUP, BECAUSE (1) CURRENT SCHEDULE ALREADY PRE-SOLD TO A NUMBER OF GOVERNORS, (2) A SHIFT TO BRAZIL AS FIRST LEG OF THE TRIP MEANS ONE OR TWO OVERNIGHT FLIGHTS, WHICH AT LEAST SOME OF THE GOVERNORS WOULD HAVE PERSONAL DIFFICULTIES WITH AND ARE AVOIDED BY GOING FIRST TO CARACAS, AND (3) CONFLICT WITH CHASE GROUP APPEARS TO BE PARTIAL RATHER THAN HEAD-ON COLLISION. REQUEST BRASILIA'S REACTION TO TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OUTLINED BELOW.

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1. GOVERNORS' TENTATIVE SCHEDULE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, ARRIVE CARACAS. MONDAY AND TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 AND 11, BUSINESS DAYS IN CARACAS. DEPART CARACAS WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 12, EVENING ARRIVAL IN BRASILIA. THURSDAY AND

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 AND 14, BUSINESS DAYS IN BRASILIA,
DEPART BRASILIA SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, ARRIVING RIO 1300.
18. DEPART RIO WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, ARRIVING SAO PAULO
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1440. BUSINESS DAYS IN SAO PAULO, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY,

NOVEMBER 20 AND 21. DEPART SAO PAULO SATURDAY, NOVEMBER
22, 0800, FOR MIAMI. (NOTE: THIS FLIGHT NOT PUBLISHED IN
CURRENT SCHEDULE BUT IT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED BY PANAM TO
TRIP ORGANIZERS.)

2. CONFLICTS IN GOVERNORS' AND CHASE TENTATIVE SCHEDULES:
A. BRASILIA - NONE, EXCEPT THAT GOVERNORS IMMEDIATELY
PRECEDE CHASE VISIT ON NOVEMBER 17 AND HIGH-LEVEL GOB
APPOINTMENTS MAY BE MORE DIFFICULT THAN WOULD BE THE CASE
AT BEGINNING OF WEEK.

B. RIO - WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 15 AND 16, NO PROBABLE
CONFLICTS SINCE NEITHER GROUP EXPECTING BUSINESS ARRANGE-
MENTS THESE DAYS. COMPETITION IN RIO THUS LIMITED TO
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, WHEN BOTH CHASE AND GOVERNORS IN TO
TOWN FOR BUSINESS.

C. SAO PAULO - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, AFTERNOON AND
EVENING WHEN BOTH GROUPS IN TOWN. SINCE GOVERNORS' PARTY
HAS BOTH THURSDAY AND FRIDAY IN SAO PAULO, HOWEVER, TRIP
PLANNERS WILL SCHEDULE WEDNESDAY FOR TRAVEL AND REST ONLY.
SAO PAULO PROBLEM, OTHER THAN HOTEL, APPEARS TO BE ONE OF
FOLLOWING SO CLOSELY ON HEELS OF CHASE GROUP FOR HIGH-
LEVEL GOB ATTENTION.

3. HOTELS. POSTS' HOTEL EFFORTS APPRECIATED, PARTICULAR-
LY INCREASED COMMITMENT BY SAO PAULO HILTON. IN OTHER
CITIES GROUP HAS BEEN ASSURED OF SPACE TOGETHER THROUGH
U.S. CONTACTS. WILL INFORM POSTS WHEN NAMES OF HOTELS
DETERMINED. FOR SAO PAULO: PLEASE NOTE RESERVATIONS
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NEEDED FROM AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 19 THROUGH MORNING NOVEM-
BER 22 UNDER SCHEDULE GIVEN ABOVE.

4. UNLESS EMBASSY BRASILIA AND CONGENS ANTICIPATE DRASTIC
EROSION IN TRIP'S EFFECTIVENESS, GOVERNORS' STAFF GREATLY
PREFER HOLDING TO SCHEDULE OUTLINED ABOVE, WHICH HAS
ALREADY BEEN SENT TO PROBABLE PARTICIPANTS. IN OUR DIS-
CUSSION THEY ACCEPT FACT OF LIFE THAT COMPETITION WITH
CHASE GROUP MAY UNFORTUNATELY REDUCE TOTAL EXPOSURE AND
BENEFITS OF TRIP. ALTERNATIVE OF SHIFTING WEEKS, FROM
TRIP PLANNERS' VIEWPOINT, COULD DETRACT EVEN MORE FROM
TRIP GOALS, HOWEVER, BY CAUSING SOME OF THE PROBABLE PAR-
TICIPANTS TO DROP OUT. MOREOVER, STARTING IN BRAZIL

INSTEAD OF CARACAS WOULD ONLY MOVE GOVERNOR'S BRAZIL
ITINERARY UP BY TWO OR THREE DAYS, AND NOT NECESSARILY
AVOID ALL THE SCHEDULING PROBLEMS THAT ARE INEVITABLE WHEN
TWO HIGH-POWERED GROUPS COMPETE FOR TOP-LEVEL ATTENTION IN
THE SAME CITIES ONLY DAYS APART.

5. FOR BRASILIA: PLEASE GIVE US YOUR EARLY READING ON
WHETHER SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS WILL BE POSSIBLE IF
GOVERNORS STICK TO SCHEDULE GIVEN ABOVE. INGERSOLL

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